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Sir:

This paper to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed February 25, 2005. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment addressed the Amendment filed by the applicant on January 11, 2005.

In the Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment, the Legal Instruments Examiner indicated that the listing of claims did not include the text of all pending claims. Specifically, the Notice stated that claims 3 and 9 have no text.

After reviewing the Amendment filed on January 11, 2005, the objection to the Amendment by the Examiner appears to be improper. Claims 3 and 9 identified by the Examiner have been cancelled and, as such, the text of the claim should not be presented. Specifically, 37 CFR 1.21(c)(4)(i) specifically states that no claim text shall be presented for any claim in the claim listing with the status of "Canceled" or "Not Entered".

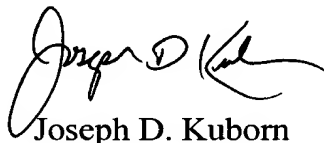
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The Examiner is requested to withdraw the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment and forward the Amendment to the Examiner for further prosecution on the merits.

The Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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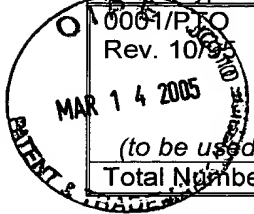
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